



Date: February 21, 2006
To: Gerald R. Miller, City Manager
From: Katherine Parsons, Public Information Officer
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: City Report For Week Ending February 17, 2006

This *City Report* highlights various activities for the week ending, February 17. I hope you will find this information useful. Please feel free to contact my staff should you have any questions.

MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Community Development, Neighborhood Services

On February 4, more than 180 volunteers collected over 1,300 pounds of trash from the alleys and streets near 4th Street and Junipero, and enhanced the Garden Walk on the south side of Burbank's campus along 4th Street. LitterFree Long Beach hosted a booth at this neighborhood cleanup, which was sponsored by the Aquarium of the Pacific, Rose Park Neighborhood Association, Portfolio Coffeehouse and Burbank Elementary School. Volunteers included Franklin Middle School JROTC, Poly High School Football Team, and Hellman Area Neighborhood Association. The Neighborhood Services Bureau provided the dumpster, tools and staff assistance, and the Aquarium of the Pacific provided free Aquarium passes to all the volunteers.

On February 11, California Recreation Center hosted its 19th Annual Black History Month program entitled, *Our Yesterdays...Their Tomorrow*. More than 60 youth and seniors enjoyed lunch, live performances, and guest speakers.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECTS

Queen Mary 2 - A Royal Rendezvous

On February 23, the Queen Mary 2 makes her West Coast debut in Long Beach and will greet her predecessor, the RMS Queen Mary, for the first time. To mark this special occasion, the grand ocean liner will salute the Queen Mary in an historic sail by in Long Beach.

Health and Human Services

Healthy living environment workshops entitled *Unlock Your Door to Healthier Home Environment* are being offered by DHHS **thru April 10**. Information on how to maintain a healthy and safe home environment will be provided. For more information about these workshops, contact Judeth Luong at 570.4104.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire

During the last two weeks, the Fire Department responded to a total of 2,809 emergency calls for service: 259 calls for fires, of which 42 involved structures; and 1,455 emergency medical calls, of which 1,053 required paramedics.

Police

Citywide, Police Officers responded to 604 priority one, 1,434 priority two and 1,157 priority three calls for service, for a total of 3,195 calls.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Police and Community Development

On February 6, staff from the Willmore Community Police Center received a call from a resident notifying them that the alley behind the Center was full of trash. Staff investigated and determined who dumped the items in the alley. They spoke with the individual, who admitted dumping the items and agreed to pay the cost of having a trash truck come out and pick up the trash. This is just one example of how the Community Police Centers, managed by the Neighborhood Services Bureau, make a positive impact on neighborhoods.

Parks, Recreation and Marine, and Public Works

At the Admiral Kidd Park Community Center, underground utilities have been installed, the foundation is complete, rough electrical and plumbing are complete, and irrigation sleeving under sidewalks and driveways has been installed. Construction of the concrete block walls of the community center is in progress this week.

Rough electrical and plumbing are complete on the new pool locker rooms at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. The steel beams for the locker room structure have been installed.

Mechanical ducts and exhaust fans are being installed above the pool and pool offices in Silverado Park. Rough plumbing and framing in the showers has been completed and trenching for the repiping of the pool filter and drain lines is in progress.

Concrete flatwork for the ADA improvements is complete at the front entrance of College Estates Park. Demolition of the curb and walkway, concrete pour of the new walkway, and sign post installation for the ADA improvements are complete at the Colorado Lagoon South. The new sidewalk at the south restrooms was poured this week. Demolition and concrete pour for new walkway and ramp at the north parking lot and the new ADA picnic table pads and access on the north side of Colorado Lagoon have been completed. Demolition and installation of the new access ramp for the ADA improvements is complete at the Leeway Sailing and Aquatics Center.

NEIGHBORHOODS (continued)

Fire

The Long Beach Fire Ambassadors and firefighters have been teaching third grade students the importance of fire safety as students participated in the Fire Safety House. On February 7, the Ambassadors and Engine 17 visited Tucker Elementary; on February 8 and 14, the Ambassadors and Engine 7 visited Lafayette Elementary; and on February 15, the Ambassadors and Engine 12 visited Grant Elementary.

On February 8, a CERT presentation was made to the Chestnut Neighborhood Watch and, on February 9, at the Belmont Shore Library.

Police

The monthly Community Crime Prevention meeting was held on February 15 at the Long Beach Water Department. The *Use of Force: Weaponless Defense Tactics* used by our officers was presented. The officers demonstrated how the weaponless techniques increase officer safety and the safety of the community.

Public Works, Airport

In January, the Long Beach Airport Tour Program conducted eight tours with 371 participants and, to date, four tours with 132 participants are scheduled in February.

Health and Human Services

The Health Active Long Beach Program Nutritional provided education classes and public outreach to educate the community about health and wellness by increasing awareness about dietary guidelines, proper eating habits and exercise. Information on smart snacking, shopping and physical activity was offered to individuals and families in several locations throughout the City.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Public Works, Airport

In a report released February 1, Long Beach Airport had the largest percentage increase in passengers among the region's six commercial airports. Compiled by the El Toro Info Site, the report showed Long Beach passenger traffic up 376% over the last five years. According to the report, Long Beach serviced 637,853 passengers in 2000 and 3,034,032 passengers in 2005, an increase of 2,396,179 passengers. The report showed the other regional airports with LAX at -8.6%, John Wayne with 23.9%, Ontario 7%, Burbank with 16.6% (tentative data) and Palm Springs with 10.8%.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Recreation Programs Bureau

On February 11, Belmont Plaza Pool hosted the Pacific Collegiate Swim Conference, with over 700 athletes and spectators from universities located in California, Texas, Alaska, Oregon, Florida, and Colorado.

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SPECIAL EVENTS (continued)

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Recreation Programs Bureau

On February 12, Belmont Plaza Pool hosted the Southern California Aquatic Association Winter Swimming championships, with approximately 300 participants throughout Southern California.

On February 15, Belmont Plaza Pool hosted the Big West Conference, a five-day event with over 300 athletes from University of California - Davis, Irvine, and Santa Barbara, California State Northridge, Cal Poly, and the University of the Pacific, who competed in various swimming and diving events.

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Special Events and Filming Bureau

20th Century Fox, with a cast and crew of 65, filmed a TV show *Reno 911* at the Convention Center and the Queen Mary on February 13, 14, and 15.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

Public Works, Airport Bureau

On February 10, Long Beach Airport hosted a luncheon and tour for a group representing the Municipal Management Association of Southern California.

The Long Beach Airport has been awarded AB2766 funding for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations. Installation for these stations is now in the bid process.

Long Beach Gas & Oil, Gas Services Bureau

Staff completed a total of 3,220 service calls. This total included 1,088 Gas and Water Utility Turn Ons, and 777 Turn Offs. During this period, 1,116 Customer Service Orders were completed for services that included lighting pilots, adjusting and inspecting appliances, completing fumigation orders, and verifying read orders. A total of 239 meter maintenance and billing-related orders were completed. In addition, Gas Control/Dispatch (24/7 operation) received 488 emergency phone calls that resulted in 153 emergency orders being sent out.

STREET CONSTRUCTION

New

Public Works, Street Improvements

Contact: 570.5160

10th Street Orange Ave. to Cherry Ave.

Estimated Completion: March 2006

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STREET CONSTRUCTION (continued)

Ongoing

Public Works, Street Improvements

Contact: 570.5160

Atlantic Ave. North of Artesia Blvd. to a point North of 68th St.

Cherry Ave. North of Artesia Blvd. to 70th St.

Artesia Blvd. East of Obispo Ave. to Downey Ave.

Estimated Completion: February 2006

Public Works, Street Improvements

Anaheim Street Obispo to Ximeno

Estimated Completion: March 2006

Long Beach Water, Alley Service Lateral Conversion

Contact: 570. 2326

Cedar Ave. E. Burnett St. to Hill St.

Chestnut Ave. E. Burnett St. to Hill St.

Pasadena Ave. E. Burnett St. to Pacific Electric Railroad

Linden Ave. E. Burnett St. to 25th Way

Estimated Completion: April 2006

Long Beach Gas and Oil, Gas Pipe Installation

Contact 570.2060

Linden Avenue; De Forrest Park area.

Estimated completion: 4/12/06

Orange Avenue - between Lewis and Cherry Avenues.

Estimated completion: 4/24/06

Long Beach Gas and Oil, Gas Regulator Station Rebuild

Contact: 570.2060

Colorado St. & Nieto Ave.

Estimated Completion: 4/7/06

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